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RIM ROAD FIRE

May 16, 2006, Taos, New Mexico – At approximately 3:00 pm this afternoon, the Taos Zone Dispatch office located at the Supervisor's Office of the Carson National Forest, received several calls of a smoke sighting in the Valdez area.

Resources were dispatched to the area and reported that the lightning caused, one half acre Rim Road Fire was located at the mouth of Hondo Canyon on Highway 150, Taos Ski Valley Road. The fire was burning in heavy mixed conifer and brush and as of 5:00 pm the spread potential was determined to be low.

A helicopter from the Santa Fe Zone was called to the scene and has made several water drops which have contributed to the low spread potential. A line around the fire is expected to be completed before dark.